

**5.3 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022 – AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Responsible Senior Officer: Jarrod Doake, Chief Operating Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council approves the attendance of the following Councillors at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra from 19 to 22 June 2022 both dates inclusive:*

*Councillors James, Samardzija, Zographos, Paterson, Little, McCluskey and Luo.*

**INTRODUCTION**

The Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2022 will be held from 19-22 June 2022 inclusive, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

**DISCUSSION**

This year the NGA theme is "Partners in Progress".

The theme focusses on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Federal Government and Local Governments, can tackle the immediate challenges facing communities and help us confidently prepare for the future.

This event also provides a unique opportunity for the Local Government sector to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy and to influence the future direction of Councils and local communities.

Councillors James, Samardzija, Zographos, Paterson, Little, McCluskey and Luo have expressed an interest in attending the Conference and approval is sought from the Council for these Councillors to attend.

**FINANCIAL**

The total cost for the event, for attendance, is estimated at approximately \$2,500 per Councillor and includes registrations, travel, accommodation and conference-related dinners.